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To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Lostwithiel.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the
Annual Report of the Health and Sanitary Circumstances
of the Borough for the year 1953.

It has been difficult to obtain information
owing to the absence of a Sanitary Inspector and
Surveyor for the latter half of the year and the
absence of adequate records. This is the second year
in which the services of a Sanitary Inspector have been
available for only a portion of the year and there is
every likelihood that this state of affairs will continue
unless the proposals to make use of the staff of
the St. Austell U.D.C. are agreed.

A complete overhaul of all the services
for which the Borough is responsible is essential.

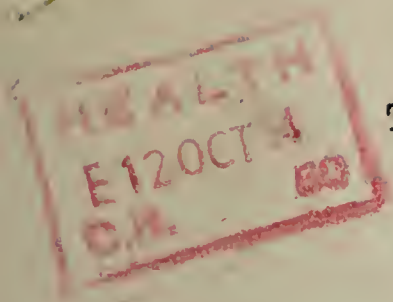
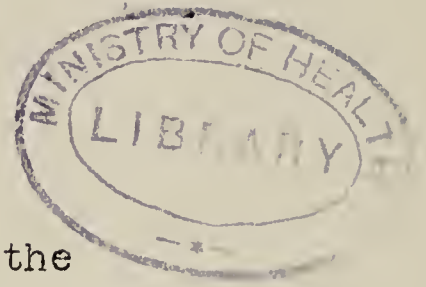
I wish to record my thanks to Mr. Watts
and other Council Officers for their help.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J.G.S. TURNER.

Medical Officer of Health.



SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3050.
Population (estimated mid-year)	2052.
Number of Inhabited Houses.	776.
Rateable Value.	£9796.
Product of a Penny Rate.	£39.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 Population</u>	
				<u>Lostwithiel</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Legitimate	14	15	31.	15. 1.	
Illegitimate	1	1			
For comparative purposes rate corrected for age and sex distribution.				17. 2.	15. 5.

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	0	1	1.	0.48.	0.35.
Illegitimate	0	0			

DEATHS

12	15	27	13.14.		
For comparative purposes rate corrected for age and sex distribution.				9. 1.	11. 4.

Rate per 1000 Total Births

<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> -	0	0	0	0.76.
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INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 yr of age) Rate per 1000 Live Births

Legitimate	1	0	1	32. 3.	26. 8.
Illegitimate	0	0			

DEATHS UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE (due to enteritis and diarrhoea)

1	0	1	15. 8.	1. 1.
The single infant death was due to gastro-enteritis.				

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The following table gives the causes of death in accordance with the International Abbreviated List (1948)

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic Diseases.	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	-	-
11. Malignant neoplasm lung bronchus	1	-
12. Malignant neoplasm breast	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm uterus.	-	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	1
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	1
18. Coronary disease angina	1	1
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
20. Other heart disease	1	4

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<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
21. Other circulatory disease	1	1
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	-
24. Bronchitis	-	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-
33. Motor vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	-	2
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
<u>All Causes</u>	12	15

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The following short table gives the precentage of those dying in the age group indicated.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Percentage of Deaths</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
0 - 1 year	8. 3.	0
1 - 59 years	33. 3.	13.3.
60 - 69 years	16. 6.	13.3.
70 - 79 years	16. 6.	33.3.
80 - 89 years	16. 7.	33.3.
90 plus.	8. 3.	6.7.

SECTION A.

Lostwithiel is a quiet country town set in pleasant surroundings in the valley of the Fowey River. The town has many historic associations and has some very well preserved buildings. The only industry of any consequence is the milk depot.

SECTION B.

General Provisions of Health Services

Public Health Office

- (1) Medical Officer of Health. J. Turner, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
1. 1. 53. to 31. 12. 53.
- (2) Sanitary Inspector (Part Time) R.A. Cutlack, A.R.S.I.
1. 1. 53. to 30. 6. 53.

Laboratory Facilities. These are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, where all material is sent for investigation.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis. In addition to the supplies of diphtheria prophylactics previously available, supplies of whooping cough vaccine, both by itself, and coupled with that for diphtheria, are available at the Area Health Office, St. Austell and can be obtained by Medical Practitioners on request.

Ambulance Facilities. These are provided by the County Council from the main ambulance station at St. Austell. In emergencies, at night, and at weekends, help is given by voluntary staff from St. Austell, St. Blazey or Fowey. Thanks are due to the Red Cross Society, to St. John's Ambulance Association, to Mrs. Batchelor, the organiser of the Hospital Car Service, and to the many ladies and gentlemen who provided transport by request.

NURSING IN THE HOME There is one District Nurse -
Midwife - Health Visitor who is able to cope with all
demands

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE Owing to poor attendances
the clinic was closed. No hardship results as the nurse
visits frequently in the homes.

HOSPITALS There are no hospitals in the area and
patients are sent to St. Austell, Bodmin, Truro and
Redruth. Patients with infectious diseases are sent to
Truro Isolation Hospital when necessary.

CARE AND AFTER CARE None was provided.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE Thanks are due to Mrs. Liddicoat
and to Mrs. Clark, who have administered this service.
The establishment is the equivalent in spare time helps of
two full time workers. A total of 6 persons were aided of
whom none were maternity cases. Many of those helped were
old people living alone

SECTION C.

Sanitary Conditions of the District.

Water There was no shortage. Sampling showed that the supply was safe for drinking purposes.

Drainage Nothing further has been done with regard to the sewerage proposals and this has stopped all development.

Rat Control A Council Workman has been trained and undertakes any necessary duties.

Refuse Disposal The refuse tip is not in a satisfactory condition owing to indiscriminate dumping of refuse.

SECTION D.

HOUSING

Two houses were built during the year. As already stated the uncertainty regarding drainage and sewerage has brought building to a stop and the work of the Council has been confined to maintenance of existing houses.

SECTION E.

Milk Inspection has been carried out when possible of the premises and equipment of the two retailers.

Ice Cream There are 8 registered ice cream vendors but only one of these manufactures his product. The others buy prepacked ice cream from reputable firms. Premises and equipment were found to be satisfactory.

Food. Inspection of shops and bakehouses were carried out when possible.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Disease

Notification of the following
infectious diseases were received
during the year.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No of Cases</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 Population</u>		
		<u>Lostwithiel</u>		<u>England & Wales</u>
		1952	1953	1953
Measles.	55	0.0.	26. 7.	12. 36.
Pneumonia.	3	2.4.	1.47.	0. 84.
Scarlet Fever.	1	2.88.	0.48.	1. 39.
Whooping Cough.	38	0.48.	18. 5.	3. 58.
* Puerperal Fever	1	0. 0.	31. 3.	18. 23.

* Rate per 1000 total births.

The major features of the year were the sharp outbreaks of measles and whooping cough. There were no deaths.

Diphtheria Immunisation The following table gives the number of children at 31st December 1953 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January 1939)

Age at 31/12/53 i.e. bprn in year.	Under 1 1953	1 - 4 1952-49	5 - 9 1948 - 44	10 - 14 1943 - 39	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (primary or booster)					
A. 1949-53	4	126	137	75	342
B. 1948 or earlier	-	-	77	11	88
C. Estimated mid-year child population 28		142	154	114	438
Immunity Index.	14.3%	89%	89%	66%	78%

During the year the following immunisations were carried out.

Primary Diphtheria alone. 3.

 " & Whooping Cough 18.

Booster. Diphtheria alone. 28.

Apart from the delay in immunising infants under one year, particularly against Whooping Cough, the immune state is very satisfactory.

Smallpox Vaccination. Fifteen persons received primary vaccinations and 6 were revaccinated.

Tuberculosis. The number of cases on the register at the end of the year was as follows :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	5	2	7
Non-Pulmonary	0	0	0

During the year a boy aged 13 years was notified as a pulmonary case and two male and one female cases transferred into the district. One female aged 65 died from respiratory tuberculosis.

FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number of Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	5	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	5	3	"	"
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	"	"
<u>TOTAL</u>	17	8	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
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Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)

Overcrowding (S.2.)

Unreasonable temperature
(S.3.)

Inadequate ventilation
(S. 4.)

Ineffective drainage of floors
(S. 6.)

Sanitary Conveniences(S. 7.)

(a) Insufficient

NO RECORD

NIL

(b) Unsuitable or defective,

(c) Not separate for sexes.

Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).
